

# COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

City of Middletown

61 Durant Terrace – Recreation/Community Service Building

December 6, 2016

6:00 PM

**1. Members Present:** Marty Knight/Chairperson, Joe Carta (via phone), Marie Hurley, August DeFrance, Keith Vinci, Richard Pelletier, Joe Bibisi

**Absent:** Phil Cacciola, Elderrean Paules, Sky Binney – Youth in Government, Karen Nocera – Recreation/Community Services

**Staff Present:** Debbie Stanley, Acting Director, Recreation/Community Services

**General Public:** Paiton Guevarez

**2. Meeting Called to Order:** Called to order at 6:00pm.

**3. Public Hearing:**

**4. Approval of Minutes:** *A motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 1, 2016, was made by August DeFrance and seconded by Marie Hurley. The motion carried.*

## Departmental Reports:

- Deb Stanley reported that the Toy Drive is in full swing. There are many holiday programs coming up, including pictures with Santa. Senior special events are sell outs. The Senior Services Division is holding an upcoming Holiday Extravaganza. A discussion ensued.
- Joe Carta stated that his ramp is being replaced by a private contractor. A discussion ensued.
- Marie Hurley stated that the forced main is completed on the Mattabesset project. The field office is on schedule. A discussion ensued.
- Joe Bibisi stated that there are about 18 people per night at the warming center. A discussion ensued.
- Keith Vinci worked as an interpreter for a discussion with 5 deaf/hearing impaired individuals and Debbie Stanley. Debbie explained that the leader of the group, Richard, has been asking for space for an exclusive program for deaf and hearing impaired people. He is quite belligerent and he has been very rude to the staff. Debbie explained that the facility and programs are open to anyone over 60 years of age and that all programs are inclusive. The meeting seemed to go well as Keith was able to explain to them that this facility is not like Newington. It is not a Senior and Disabled center but rather a Senior and Community Center. The other people in the group agreed that Richard was being rude. A discussion ensued.
- August DeFrance stated that the Boat House meeting is cancelled for December but there will be one in January. This boathouse will be the premiere facility on the river when it is built. A discussion ensued.
- Marty Knight stated that there were no problems with voting for the first time in a long time. Also, the dates for the 2017 CCPD meetings are all fine with the exception of July 4<sup>th</sup>. The City will be closed on that day due to the holiday. The meeting date was pushed back to July 11<sup>th</sup>. Marty will continue to Chair the Committee. A discussion ensued.

## Old Business

**New Business:**

**Miscellaneous:**

**Adjournment:** *A motion of adjournment was made by Richard Pelletier and was seconded by August DeFrance. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bruni Runte